No. 52.

JANUARY 19, 1809.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

A Bill,

Extending jurisdiction, in certain cases, to the territorial courts, and for other purposes.



2 of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That 3 the judges appointed under the authority of the United States in 4 each of the following territories of the United States, to wit: The 5 Mississippi territory, the Indiana territory, the Louisiana territo-6 ry, and the Michigan territory, shall, in all things in which the 7 United States are concerned, have and exercise the same jurisdic-8 tion and powers, both civil and criminal, in their several and re-9 spective territories, which are by law given to, or may be exercis-10 ed by the district judge of the territory of Orleans, and shall 11 receive, in addition to their present compensation, an annual sala-

12 ry of

dollars each, payable quarter yearly

- at the treasury of the United States. And the judges of the said 14 territories, respectively, shall appoint a clerk, who shall keep the 15 records of the said court, and shall receive, for the services per-16 formed by them respectively, the same fees to which the clerk of 17 the district court of the territory of Orleans, is entitled for similar 18 services.
- Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That for the trial of all causes, 2 both civil and criminal, and the decision of all suits, motions, 3 pleas, and controversies whatever, in which the United States 4 may be concerned, there shall be a court held twice a year in 5 each of the aforesaid territories respectively, by the aforesaid re-6 spective judges thereof, or any two of them, and shall commence 7 its session on the second Monday in May and November in each 8 and every year after the passage of this act, and continue until the 9 business before the same be completed. The court for the Mis-10 sissippi territory shall be held at the town of Washington; for 11 the Indiana territory at Vincennes; for Louisiana territory at St. 12 Louis; and for the Michigan territory at Detroit.
 - Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the said territories respectively, and the territory of Orleans, are hereby declared to be
 judicial districts, to all intents and purposes, to which offenders
 may, for offences committed within the same, be removed, recognized or committed for trial, in the manner and form directed by law, with respect to other districts within the United States,
 and the judges of said territories may in like manner remove or

- 8 recognize for trial any offenders to any district within which the
- 9 offence charged against him may have been committed.
- 1 Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That for each of the said ter-
- 2 ritories there shall be appointed a person learned in the law, to
- 3 act as attorney for the United States, who shall be called the
- 4 district attorney, and who shall receive, in addition to his stated
- 5 fees, which shall be equal to those allowed by law to district
- 6 attorneys within the United States, the sum of
- 7 dollars annually, to be paid every quarter yearly at the treasury
- 8 of the United States. There shall also be appointed a marshal
- 9 for each of the said territories, who shall perform the same du-
- 10 ties, be subject to the same regulations and penalties, and be en-
- 11 titled to the same fees to which marshals in other districts with-
- 12 in the United States are entitled for similar services, and shall
- 13 moreover be paid the sum of

- dollars
- 14 annually, as a compensation for all extra services.
- 1 Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the act, entitled, "An
- 2 act to extend jurisdiction, in certain cases, to the territorial courts,"
- 3 passed the 3d of March, 1805, be, and the same is hereby re-
- 4 pealed; Provided, that writs of error and appeals shall lie from
- 5 decisions of the courts by this act established to the supreme
- 6 court of the United States, under such regulations as are now
- .7 and may be provided by law.